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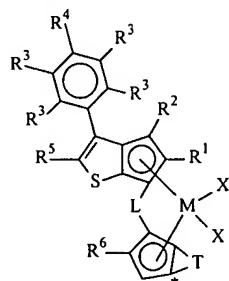
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ABSTRACT

A process for producing a polymer of ethylene containing from 0.1 to 99 % by mol of one or more derived units of alpha-olefins and optionally from 0 to 5% by mol polyene, comprising contacting, ~~under polymerization conditions~~, ethylene, one or more alpha-olefins and optionally said polyene, in the presence of a catalyst system obtainable by contacting:

- a metallocene compound of formula (I):

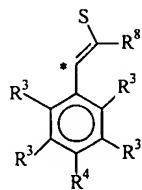


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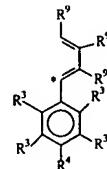
wherein

M is zirconium, hafnium or titanium; X, is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, or a hydrocarbon group; R¹ is a hydrocarbon group;

R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵, ~~equal to or different from each other~~, are hydrogen atoms, or hydrocarbon groups; R⁶ is a hydrocarbon group; L is a divalent bridging group, and T is a divalent radical of formula (II) or (III):



(II)



(III)

wherein

R⁸ and R⁹ are hydrogen or hydrocarbon groups; and
b) an alumoxane or a compound capable of forming an alkyl metallocene cation.